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BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WORLD DISASTER AREAS

TO: The Honourable Tom Waterland
Minister of Agriculture and Food

Sir:

I have the honour to present the report on the Government of British Columbia's Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries Program for the fiscal year 1985-86.

The accompanying table shows that assistance was provided to 22 organizations during the year in their sponsorship of 34 development or disaster operations. This brings the total amount committed by the British Columbia Government since the programs inception in 1969, to $7,931,576. Short summaries of the projects supported in 1985 are given in the body of the report, along with a map of their locations.

British Columbia continues to contribute in a meaningful way to the work of non-government organizations in their attempts to improve the quality of life for people in developing areas of the world. The quality of projects funded is high. Collectively, they are making a real contribution to the lives of the recipients.

The guidelines for the Advisory Committee are included in the report for readers unfamiliar with the program. Administration is kept as simple as possible. The first step for any interested applicant is to provide satisfactory proof of eligibility. After that, an application may be made by the sponsoring organization on the form provided by the Secretary. At the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, the project proposal is reviewed on its merits, in relation to the guidelines and the amount of the budget still uncommitted. If the project receives favourable review, a recommendation is made to the Minister on the amount that should be granted in its support. Enclosed with the cheque is a project progress report form and a date given for the return of the form. When all Government funds have been spent on the project and upon its completion, the file on the project is formally closed.

In early 1986 Philip Pettyfer, long-time secretary to the committee, left on a six month leave of absence to serve as a delegate with the International Red Cross. He has been posted to the Sudan and is working there

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Report to the Honourable Tom Waterland (cont'd)

as part of a small team that monitors food supplies and drought conditions. Mr. Pettyfer's "hands on" experience will be of real value to the ongoing work of the committee. He is expected to return to British Columbia in mid-July.

G.A. MacEachern
Chairman
B.C. Agricultural Aid
Advisory Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED TO EACH ORGANIZATION
DURING PERIOD APRIL 1, 1985 TO MARCH 31, 1986
AND THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Organization	Projects	Amount
Canadian Hunger Foundation	4	$ 8,600
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	2	15,000
Canadian Organization for Development through Education	3	11,000
Canadian Red Cross Society	3	30,000
- Colombia Disaster		5,000
Care Canada	2	20,000
CUSO	1	5,000
Food for the Hungry	2	20,000
Foster Parents Plan of Canada	1	3,000
Frontiers Foundation	1	10,000
HOPE International	1	5,000
Inter-Action	1	5,000
Inter Pares	1	10,000
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	1	5,000
Salvation Army	2	6,000
Tibetan Refugee Aid Society	1	5,000
UNICEF	1	10,000
Unitarian Service Committee of Canada	2	15,000
World Concern	1	4,000
World Vision	1	5,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1	3,400
YMCA of Greater Vancouver	1	5,000
YM-YWCA - Victoria	1	4,000
	34	$210,000

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF APPROVED PROJECTS

April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986

CANADIAN HUNGER FOUNDATION

Rural Resettlement Project - Zimbabwe ..... $ 3,000

In this project, 3600 people will be resettled on the fertile commercial lands which were originally owned by white settlers. The cultivation of vegetable gardens, adequate irrigation systems, agricultural instruction by extension workers, and the establishment of effective marketing systems, will greatly improve the lifestyle of the people involved.

Swarna Hansa Extension Services - Sri Lanka ..... $ 3,000

The objective of the Swarna Hansa Foundation is "To dynamically engage in activities conducive to human development and the enhancement of the quality of life of rural people in Sri Lanka". This project will train two key people in each of five selected villages as co-operative development assistants. Their role is to assist the village to identify solutions to the problems of their villages.

Padiyapelella Agriculture and Dairy Project - Sri Lanka ..... $ 1,200

Nine remote Sri Lankan villages are the focus of this project. Fragmentation of land holdings, erosion, and depletion of soil nutrients are being addressed. An agricultural education program will be implemented, including the establishment of a model dairy farm. In addition, permanent tree crops will be planted and a nursery of plants will be developed for distribution among the farmers.

Income Generation for Unemployed Youth - Sri Lanka ..... $ 1,400

A lack of basic educational training has contributed to a high unemployment rate among Sri Lanka's youth. This project will provide training and resources for the implementation of a number of income generating projects for unemployed youth. The projects include; cultivation of home gardens; development of a poultry farm; repair of an irrigation canal, and the establishment of a coir production centre.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Service Rehabilitation and Development Program - India ..... $ 7,500

This is an integrated program covering agriculture, water development, housing, schools, literacy, handicrafts, co-operatives, health services, education, youth work and vocational training. It will contribute toward the peoples quality of life. The families abilities to work toward self-sustaining income generation will be increased and social awareness will be promoted.

Rangpur-Dinajpur Rehabilitation Service - Bangladesh ..... $ 7,500

Funding will enable the Rangpur-Dinajpur Rehabilitation Service to continue providing assistance to small farmers and under-employed, landless and near landless people. They will be instructed in improved methods of agriculture as well as small scale industries and handicrafts. The development of co-operatives and small farmers groups will enhance the process.

CANADIAN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Agriculture and Horticulture Books - Bhutan ..... $ 4,000

The objective of this project is to provide basic training in general agriculture and animal husbandry through the provision of simple, pictorial books, booklets and posters on agriculture and horticulture. They will be used in a training center and by extension workers throughout Bhutan.

Adult Education Publications - Ethiopia ..... $ 5,000

Adult education in agriculture is being advanced by this project. Paper is being provided for the printing of agricultural booklets and newsletters.

Centre for Rural Development - Niger ..... $ 2,000

Over 600 adults in the area will be taking literacy training. Funds provided will help support the program for one year. Subjects taught will include animal health, animal husbandry, agricultural machinery and co-operatives. One of the overall objectives is to increase food production in the Southern Niger.

CANADIAN RED CROSS

Drought - Niger $30,000

This years $30,000 contribution will go exclusively toward the relief of drought conditions in Niger. The country has suffered severe shortage of rainfall and very poor harvests. The funds will be used to purchase relief supplies and cover operational expenses.

Locations of the Pr
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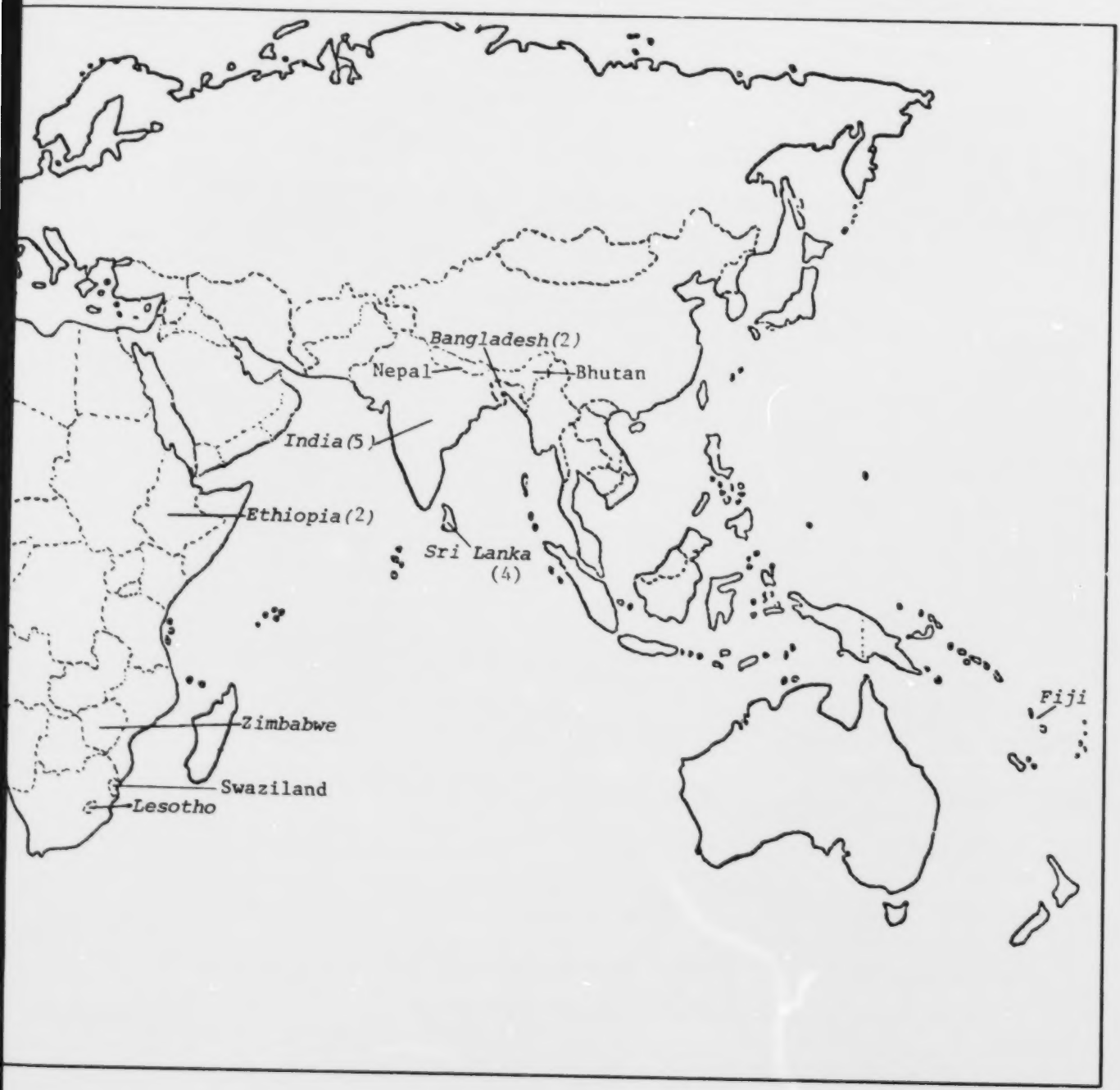

CANADIAN RED CROSS (cont'd)

Volcanic Eruption Disaster Relief - Colombia ..... $ 5,000

Five thousand dollars was given to the Canadian Red Cross Society for general relief operations in connection with the Colombian volcano disaster.

CARE CANADA

Rural Potable Water System - Ecuador $10,000

The objectives of the project are to reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases and to increase the general health of the rural people through the installation of 25 potable water systems in 25 communities in the 3 southern provinces of Loja, Azuay and Canar. Community organizations will manage and maintain the systems following their construction.

Rural Potable Water System - Peru $10,000

A reduction in the incidence of waterborne diseases and increased general health are the objectives of this project. Forty gravity flow water systems will be constructed. Maintenance and repair committees will be established for each village.

CUSO

Village Water Supply - The Gambia .....$ 5,000

This project will provide water supplies in two villages for the use of the villagers vegetable gardens, farm animals and for the irrigation of a bamboo plantation. Approximately 1100 people will have a clean, dependable water supply.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY (HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY)

Well Drilling Program - Ethiopia $15,000

Twelve wells will be developed over a one year period. Funding will contribute to the drilling, capping and construction of the pumping and water distribution system. Approximately 40,300 villagers will benefit by having access to clean water.

Water Resource Development Program - Sierra Leone ..... $ 5,000

A community owned gravity fed potable water system is being developed in the village of Baiwala. It will contribute enormously to the ease of the 3000 inhabitants in obtaining their water supplies.

FOSTER PARENTS PLAN OF CANADA

Model Farm - Haiti .....$ 3,000

The general aim is to improve the nutritional status of the families of the region and to increase their income through improved agricultural extension and distribution of small animals and seeds. The model farm will test agricultural techniques and disseminate the results to the people by trained staff.

FRONTIERS FOUNDATION

The Gorama Mende Agricultural Project - Sierra Leone $10,000

This project will facilitate an increase in the number of farmers in the area through agricultural instruction for those setting up small farms and through the provision of no-interest loans to enable them to purchase seed and equipment.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Talavadi Feed Plant - India ..... $ 5,000

The establishment of a feed plant will result in an increased quantity of milk from the 800 head herd currently in the area. It will contribute to an improved level of nutrition for everyone living in the area. The income of those selling milk will also increase as a result of increased production.

INTER-ACTION

World Food Day ..... $ 5,000

World Food Day is celebrated annually on October 16 by all member countries of the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations. In 1985, British Columbia had a very successful World Food Day program involving the school system, church inter-faith groups and the media.

INTER PARES

Flood Control and Land Development - Mali $10,000

Food self-sufficiency for farmers affected by drought and a reduction in rural migration are the two main aims of this project. The flood control dams being constructed will enable farmers to increase their food production by one third.

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA

Agricultural Training Centre - India ..... $ 5,000

Agricultural instruction will be given in areas such as water conservation, irrigation techniques, and cropping. Wells will be developed and dairy cows and agricultural equipment will be purchased for use in an agricultural education demonstration project.

SALVATION ARMY

Buffalo Scheme Phase II - India ..... $ 3,000

The objective of this project is to assist 120 people to become self-supporting through the sale of buffalo milk. They will each receive a buffalo and will sell its milk to other needy families at a reduced cost.

Merida Farm Project - Mexico..... $ 3,000

This project will provide a basis for expanding the services of the Salvation Army Boys' Home in Merida so that more children can be accepted. It will help to educate the children living at the home in food production and will contribute to the children's self-sufficiency by training them to be producers rather than just consumers.

TIBETAN REFUGEE AID SOCIETY

Myrada Tibetan Agricultural Settlement Project, Part II - India ...$ 5,000

This funding will provide cross-bred milk cows for 60 families who are landless but who can obtain fodder. The cows will augment their incomes as agricultural labourers and weavers and will help to make them self-sufficient.

UNICEF

Child Nutrition - Sri Lanka $10,000

The project will use non-formal education programs to reach out of school children and adolescents as well as parents, to increase general awareness of nutritional needs. School gardens will be started in a number of regions of the country and indigenous foods will be promoted as much as possible.

UNITARIAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agricultural Development Program - Swaziland $10,000

This project will contribute to the agricultural development of the area through improved cultivation, the use of irrigation, co-operative egg production and the replacement of irrigation equipment. Co-operative purchase of tractors and related implements will allow group members access to more efficient farming techniques.

Water Development Scheme - Botswana ..... $ 5,000

The establishment of woodlots for firewood and other uses will result from this project. In addition, it will foster co-operation with the Forestry Association of Botswana in promoting public awareness of forestry and conservation issues.

WORLD CONCERN

Biogas Drum Replacement Project - Nepal ..... $ 4,000

The main objective of this project is to encourage rural Nepalese farmers to use biogas rather than wood fuel or cow-dung cakes for cooking. This will lessen the pressure leading to deforestation and will enable the manure to be used for fertilizer, thus improving crop yields.

WORLD VISION

Madargonj Rural Reconstruction Project - Bangladesh ..... $ 5,000

The purpose of this project is to assist in rehabilitating 25 villages which were recently flooded out. A variety of supplies will be provided: rice, jute, wheat seeds, 300 treadle pump and bamboo tube wells. Provisions will be made for small business loans, health and nutrition education, low-cost housing aid, training in poultry raising, kitchen gardening, tree planting and handicrafts as a source of income.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Cattle Starter and Water Well - Colombia ..... $ 3,400

The Cano Colorado community will begin a small cattle raising project to improve their food supply. The project will also provide clean drinking water by helping the community dig a well. The 500 people of the area will benefit.

YMCA OF GREATER VANCOUVER

Rural Development - Fiji ..... $ 5,000

This project will assist the YMCA to expand peanut farming operations and fish pond projects in the Wainbuka area. The peanuts are grown for food and resale. Land for growing crops is being reclaimed from forested land.

YM-YWCA - VICTORIA

Penjemu Village Development Project - The Gambia ..... $ 4,000

Approximately 480 people in the village will benefit from this project, which will improve self-sufficiency in food production by developing a village garden; deepen existing wells, construct 5 new wells and assist in the establishment of poultry farms in the area.

GUIDELINES

FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. WHO MAY APPLY FOR A B.C. AGRICULTURAL AID GRANT?

To be eligible to receive a grant, an organization must normally be:

a) Non-governmental and non-profit.
b) Clearly identifiable as Canadian, preferably with headquarters or offices in British Columbia.
c) In the case of religious organizations, a provincial or parent body.
d) Managed efficiently and provide evidence of competence to carry out the project or disaster relief.
e) Prepared to provide the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee with documentary evidence of its ability to meet its share of the financial and other obligations related to the project or disaster relief.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED

An organization, when applying for a grant for the first time, must provide:

a) Full legal name, address and telephone number.
b) Date of founding, incorporation (if applicable) and details of registration.
c) Copy of the charter of incorporation, constitution or similar document.
d) Names of members of the board, executive officer and principal staff.
e) Copy of the most recent audited financial statement and the annual report to the Registrar-General of Charitable Organizations or the Income Tax Act).
f) A copy of the annual report and the most recent informational material issued by the organization.

Each organization should ensure that this material is kept up to date by submitting annual reports and other relevant material to the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee.

A description of each project should be submitted on a Projects Submission Form, which can be obtained from the Executive Officer, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z7.

3. TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may recommend a grant be made to the sponsoring organization to provide:

a) Direct support for a project with a significant agricultural component, e.g., well digging, land clearing, farm equipment.

b) Support for agriculturally related education, with emphasis on land and water development as well as technical and scientific agricultural subject matter.

c) Assistance following a disaster. In the case of a serious disaster the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee is usually aware of the situation and is prepared to recommend cash aid or other assistance immediately following submission by a non-government organization.

d) Discretionary aid in the form of matching grants. In these cases, submissions are accepted from organizations other than those involved basically in world aid, but to qualify for matching grants, funds must be raised by the private sector in British Columbia.

4. APPRAISAL OF PROJECTS

Apart from disaster relief, the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee carefully considers each project which should:

a) Contribute significantly to social and economic development by creating jobs, developing human resources, etc.
b) Foster self-reliance by encouraging local management and initiative.
c) Make the maximum use of local human and financial resources.
d) Assist the underprivileged.
e) Be on-going, with development continuing after the cessation of funds.

The objectives of the project should be clear and realistically attainable within the limits of the resources and time available. All details should be set out clearly to show the project is financially and economically sound and is well accepted by the country concerned.

Support of a project must not be assumed by an organization until it is informed, in writing, by the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee, that a grant has been approved.

5. GRANT LIMITATIONS

Grants may not be made to an organization that is in arrears with its reporting, or fails to meet its financial or other obligations, or has performed unsatisfactorily on previously assisted projects.

B.C. Agricultural Aid grants may be made in one lump sum payment on initiation of the project, or paid in instalments based on the project's requirement and on receipt of satisfactory progress reports.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee will try to avoid excessive concentration on grants to one organization, country or economic sector.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may consult with agencies submitting several requests to establish priorities.

Grants for advanced training should be confined to the general area in which the applicant resides.

6. TIME SPAN OF SUPPORT

Support is normally for one year at a time. It may be possible, however, for the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee to indicate conditional support for longer periods, subject to satisfactory progress reports and approval of funds by the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION

An organization which receives a grant from the Government of British Columbia is responsible for competent administration of the grant, and providing progress reports and a final report on the project within the deadlines given.